

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-8 and 18-31 are now pending in the application. Applicant has cancelled claims 9-17. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the amendments and remarks contained herein.

**ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Applicant requests examination of Group I (claims 1-8 and 18-31). This election is made without traverse.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Applicants have cancelled claims 9-17, and therefore, request that their corresponding non-elected groups be cancelled as well. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims at a later time, if so desired.

**CONCLUSION**

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that

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personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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